

REMARKS

Claims 1-22, 28-34 and 36-57 were pending.

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12-22, 28-34 and 36-57 are rejected.

Claim 7 has been cancelled.

Claims 58-61 are new.

Claims 1-6, 8-22, 28-34 and 36-61 are pending.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner indicated that claims 7, 8, and 11 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Accordingly, the elements of claim 7 have been added to independent claim 1. Claim 1 and dependent claims 2-6, and 8-22, 40-45, and 52-54 should be allowable.

New claim 58 includes the elements of claim 1 and allowable claim 11. Claims 59, 60, and 61 correspond to claims 7, 18, and 18, which were dependent on claim 1. Accordingly, claim 58 and dependent claims 59-61 should be allowable.


Independent claims 28, 46, and 48 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 7. Accordingly, claims 28, 46, 48, and dependent claims 29-39, 47, 49-51, and 55-57 should be allowable.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6, 8-22, 28-34 and 36-61 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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